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SUBJECT:NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING: RESERVATIONS
ON PUERTO RICO ITEM

1. EIGHTEEN COUNTRIES HAVE THUS FAR RESERVED ON
NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO
ADOPTED AT JUST CONCLUDED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING:
BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, GABON, INDIA, INDONESIA,
IVORY COAST, LIBERIA, MALAYSIA, OMAN, PERU, QATAR,
RWANDA, SAUDI ARABIA, SOMALIA, SRI LANKA, UAE,
ZAIRE, LEBANON.

2. FOR AMMAN, BUENOS AIRES, BUJUMBURA, GABORONE,
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KUWAIT, NOUAKCHOTT, RABAT, SINGAPORE, TUNIS,
VALLETTA, YAOUNDE. AT COLOMBO 24 STATES RESERVED
ON PUERTO RICO LANGUAGE. HOST GOVERNMENT OF ACTION
ADDRESSEES RESERVED ON COLOMBO LANGUAGE BUT HAVE NOT
REPEAT NOT YET DONE SO ON BELGRADE LANGUAGE. SOME
NAM COUNTRIES HAVE POINTED OUT THAT BELGRADE
LANGUAGE IS Milder THAN THAT OF COLOMBO. U.S.,
HOWEVER, FINDS BELGRADE LANGUAGE UNACCEPTABLE.
PUERTO RICO IS AN INTERNAL MATTER AND SHOULD NOT BE

ON NAM AGENDA AT ALL. EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE ARE
REFERENCES TO ALLEGED U.S. REPRESSION IN PUERTO RICO.
BELGRADE LANGUAGE IS THE MORE OFFENSIVE TO THE
U.S. IN LIGHT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT TO THE
PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO ISSUED JULY 25, REEMPHASIZING
THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE
OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PUERTO RICO AND TO
SUPPORT WITH THE CONGRESS WHATEVER POLITICAL STATUS
THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO CHOOSE. FOR THESE
REASONS POSTS, UNLESS THEY CONSIDER IT INAPPROPRIATE,
SHOULD INFORM FONOFF OF U.S. OBJECTIONS TO LANGUAGE
IN BELGRADE DECLARATION ON PUERTO RICO, RECALL

RESERVATIONS ENTERED TO COLOMBO LANGUAGE BY HOST GOVERNMENT AND REQUEST SIMILAR RESERVATION BE MADE TO BELGRADE LANGUAGE. POSTS NEED NOT DIRECTLY REFER TO CURRENT LIST OF RESERVATIONS AND ABSENCE ON LIST OF GOVERNMENT'S NAME UNLESS THEY CONSIDER IT HELPFUL. POSTS MAY NOTE THAT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT RESERVATIONS ARE NOT YET CLOSED.

3. FOR TUNIS. AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE OF 24, TUNISIA'S REITERATION OF ITS RESERVATION WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT.

4. FOR KUWAIT. DEPT NOTES KUWAIT ONLY GULF STATE WHICH HAS NOT YET RESERVED ON PUERTO RICO.
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5. FOR RABAT. REQUEST IN LIGHT OF RABAT 4904 YOU FOLLOW UP WITH SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR PUERTO RICO RESERVATION.

6. FOR ACCRA, BANJUL, BISSAU, DAKAR, FREETOWN, KATHMANDU, KHARTOUM, LILONGWE, LOME, LUSAKA, MASERU, MBABANE, NAIROBI, NICOSIA, NDJAMENA, OUAGADOUGOU, PORT LOUIS, PRAIA, RANGOON, VICTORIA. ALTHOUGH THESE STATES DID NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS ON EITHER COLOMBO OR BELGRADE LANGUAGE, BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. POSITION PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION REQUEST REPRESENTATIONS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL WITH HOST GOVERNMENT ON BASIS PARA 2 ABOVE ASKING THAT RESERVATION BE ENTERED TO BELGRADE DECLARATION LANGUAGE.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE POST REPORT ON WHETHER REPRESENTATION MADE AND HOST GOVERNMENT REACTION, REPEATED INFO USUN.

8. FYI: TEXT OF BELGRADE LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO FOLLOWS:

125. THE MINISTERS RECALL THE EARLIER POSITION OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS 1514 (XV), CONFIRM THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, AND CALL FOR THE URGENT ADOPTION OF MEASURES TO
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THIS PURPOSE.

126. THE MINISTERS REITERATED THE DEMAND OF THE
FIFTH CONFERENCE OF THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT
THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HALT ALL POLITICAL OR REPRESSIVE MANOEUVRES THAT
TEND TO PERPETUATE PUERTO RICO'S COLONIAL STATUS
AND EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN THAT THESE MANOEUVRES
ARE CONTINUING. END FYI.

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